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SUBJECT: HARAR EYE CLINIC

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1. NAVAL COMMANDER IN CHARGE OF HARAR GROUP HAS NOW RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM DR. KING TELLING HIM THAT AS IEF REP IN ETHIOPIA, HE AUTHORIZED SELL A/O DISPOSE OF ALL PROPERTIES OWNED BY IEF IN ETHIOPIA.

2. I UNDERSTAND THAT IEF ARRANGEMENT INVOLVES PRIVATE CONTRACT WITH EPMG AND THEREFORE NOT OUR DIRECT CONCERN. NONETHELESS PRESENCE OF NAVY DOCTORS HAS LONG ESTABLISHED CLINIC AS PART OF AMERICAN PRESENCE IN EYES OF ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES, AND PULL OUT WILL BE INTERPRETED IN THOSE TERMS. I WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE REPLY TO REFTEL ASAP. IF, AS IS NOW BECOMING APPARENT, IEF AND NAVY HAVE DECIDED CLOSE OPERATION, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IEF INTEND TO DO BY WAY OF INFORMING EPMG. I WOULD NOT APPRECIATE HAVING TO EXPLAIN AT SOME LATER DATE TO ETHIOPIANS THAT CLINIC HAS QUIETLY BEEN CLOSED AND PERSONNEL RETURNED PERMANENTLY TO STATES WITHOUT IEF HAVING FIRST TOLD EPMG OF THEIR INTENTIONS AND WHY.
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